

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., March 10, 1876.—(10:30 a. m.)—For the Middle States warmer and clear or fair weather during the rest of Friday, northeast to southeast winds, followed by increasing cloudiness and falling barometer during the night.

**LABOR LEAGUE IN THE COUNTY.**—The Washington Chronicle of this morning says:—"For some time past the want of an association for the protection of the laboring classes, has been felt by the workmen of Alexandria county, more particularly by those employed at the brick yards and coal wharves, where a large number are employed at small wages, which are seldom, if ever, paid as soon as earned. A system of paying the men by orders on grocery stores, where the men are compelled to take an inferior article at high prices, or compelled to wait an unreasonable time for their pay. On Wednesday evening a meeting was held at Arlington, which was called to order by W. C. Reeves, who was elected chairman, and Nelson Wernley as secretary. After considerable discussion the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The practice of requiring laboring men to unload coal by the boat, and charging the owners for unloading by the ton, thereby making 50 per cent. upon the amount out of which the laborers are defrauded, is wrong and oppressive, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to meet and confer with any labor organization that may assist in the District of Columbia, to the end that proper steps may be taken to break up this and other impositions upon the laboring masses.

Resolved, Further, that a committee of five be appointed to confer with any association, or combination of employees of the brick yards in this vicinity to the end that the most flagrant injustice and unfair dealings may be remedied, and those owing yards in this vicinity may be compelled to pay a fair day's pay for a fair day's work and pay it when it becomes due."

The above will be news to the employing coal companies and brick yard proprietors referred to, who, as is well known, pay better wages for colored labor than almost any other employees, and pay them, too, regularly every Saturday.

**THE LATE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**—The coroner's investigation of the cause of the late fatal railroad accident near Woodstock is still proceeding. Col. D. H. Walton appearing as counsel for the Commonwealth, and Gen. J. H. Williams for the railroad company.

Messrs. Hahn and Bird, of Shenandoah, and Sibert, of Rockingham, are doing well and in no danger. Dr. Carter, who left Cunningham, yesterday, says he is doing quite well, and is hopeful of his recovery.

Mr. Robert B. Beverly, of Fauquier county, made a narrow escape from being a passenger on the hapless train. He contemplated taking passage on it to look at some cattle, and was at the depot waiting for it, but a moment or two before its arrival he received a telegram informing him that the cattle would not suit, and that he need not come.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Index says: A new illustration of how trifling a circumstance may prove the turning point in a man's life is given in the case of John A. Baldwin, one of those killed by the Narrow Passage Bridge. He was a drummer for a Northern house and was here several days ago and stopped at the St. James Hotel. The day preceding the night fixed for his departure he left a piece of his baggage at the store of Randolph & English. When he returned for it the store was closed. He went to one of the clerks and asked him to get him to open the store to allow him to get the value (I think it was) out. The clerk could not open the store and Mr. Baldwin was compelled to stay over till next morning. The consequence was he was a passenger on the ill-fated train.

**The Petersburg Index-appeal says:** "Among the passengers killed by the accident on the Valley railroad, Monday night, was Mr. R. L. Wood, of Alexandria. Mr. Wood was in this city a few days ago as the agent of a large silk house in New York, and sold a large quantity of silk goods to our merchants. Those who made his acquaintance will regret to hear of his untimely end."

**VISIT TO MOUNT VERNON.**—Mention was made in yesterday's Gazette of the visit of the members of the Methodist Conference, then in session in Washington, to Mount Vernon. The following note of their trip is taken from the Washington Post-Publicist:

"About one hundred members of the conference, with their lady friends, boarded the steamer Arrow and sailed for Mount Vernon to stroll over the old estate and picnic in the ancient mansion. The trip was made very pleasant by the efforts of the genial captain of the Arrow and Captain Hollinsworth of the comb. After spending a few hours in rambling, the whole party gathered in front of the mansion, and after singing several hymns, a fervent and patriotic prayer was offered by Rev. George Hildt. Before leaving, the grand old "Coronation" was sung on the green, and the party assembled on the boat and returned to the city to meet again in conference."

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## POLICE REPORT.—The following cases have been tried since our last report:

James Henderson, colored, for disorderly conduct, on the complaint of Mason Douglass, was fined, and in default of payment, sent to the chain gang.

H. Freeman, colored, for the same offense, was fined and discharged.

Jas. Walsh, colored, for being disorderly on the street, was fined, and in default of payment, sent to the chain gang.

An old Englishman was arrested this morning for peddling a new kind of marking instrument about the streets without a license. He was carried before Justice Nails, who discharged him on account of his age and his ignorance of the law.

Eight lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

**MILL BROKEN DOWN.**—The main cog wheel at McCleish's mill, on Union street, near Prince, now occupied by the Messrs. Watkins, gave way yesterday evening, releasing the balance of the machinery, and causing it to revolve with almost inconceivable rapidity. Fortunately, the engineer was standing near the throttle, and stopped the engine at once, thus preventing further damage to the machinery or employees. The incident is very unfortunate, as the mill is under contract to furnish meal, &c., in Washington, at the rate of about 600 bushels per day, and the broken wheel will have to be replaced from New York, involving a delay of about a week.

**IMPORTANT TO REAL ESTATE OWNERS.**—All parties who have any objection to make to the assessment of their real estate recently made under the reassessment law, must make their claim at the term of the Corporation Court which commences on Monday, or they will be barred from any redress, until the next assessment, which will not probably be made for five years. The law only allows the bearing of petitions for reduction of assessment on real estate, at the three terms immediately succeeding the completion of such assessment, and this will be the last of those terms.

**FIGHT.**—A row occurred at a house of bad repute, kept by some colored people, in the alley south of Prince street, between Columbus and Alfred streets, last night. The police attempted to arrest the guilty parties, but they succeeded in making their escape. One of them was chased into Prince street and shot at by one of the officers, but was not hit so far as known. The residents of the neighborhood complain very much of the disorderly conduct at the place named.

**THE FIRE** which destroyed the residence of Mr. C. W. C. Dunnington, near Quantico, in Prince William county, on Monday last, a notice of which has appeared in the Gazette, originated in the kitchen, and the flames spread so rapidly that very little of the furniture was saved—a few beds—and some silver ware. The house was a venerable framed dwelling, one story and a-half, but covering an area of about forty square feet. The house and its contents were uninsured.

**BALTIMORE CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH.**—South.—The Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which adjourned yesterday at Winchester, determined to hold its next meeting in this city, on the first Wednesday of March 1877. As stated yesterday, Rev. J. H. Waugh is to remain in charge of the Church in this city, with Rev. F. M. Mills, superintendence. Rev. Mr. Waugh has not yet returned, being on a visit to some relatives in the Valley.

**RUNAWAY.**—A horse attached to the wagon of Mr. L. D. Harmon, became frightened from some cause just as that gentleman was leaving the postoffice yesterday evening, and ran off at a rapid rate. The lines having become entangled in some unexplained manner Mr. H. was unable to stop the horse. He was saved from injury however by a gentleman who ran out from the sidewalk and grasped the horse's head, bringing him to a standstill.

**PERSONAL.**—Mr. James Breen, jr., of this city, has been appointed Superintendent of the branch office of the Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company in Richmond. Mr. Breen is a young gentleman of pleasing address and a skillful operator, and will, no doubt, prove a highly acceptable officer to all having business with him.

**FINE FISH.**—Numbers of the most beautiful silver and gold fish we have ever seen are being caught by the parties who fish small seines at Jones Point, just below the city. Some of them are quite large, weighing over one-half pound a piece. The silver fish are regarded as among the best pan fish that are caught.

**PURIM.**—As stated in yesterday's Gazette to-day was the Hebrew festival of Purim. It is one of rejoicing and merry making, and the only public celebration in the city was by a grand ball at Harlow's Hall, last night. No services were held in the Synagogue here. The festival concludes at sundown this evening.

**COURT OF APPEALS.**—In the Supreme Court of Appeals at Richmond, on Wednesday, John M. Johnson, eq., of this city, qualified as an attorney, to practice in that court.

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## FROM WASHINGTON.

## CONGRESS.

## SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—In the Senate, to-day, during the morning hour, a number of memorials in favor of an amended bankrupt law, were presented.

The bill for the admission of New Mexico as a state of the Union was then taken up and advocated by Mr. Harvey and Mr. Sarceant, and opposed by Mr. Morrill and others.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**—The House of Representatives was occupied during the morning hour with private bills, and afterwards in general discussion of the civil appropriation bill in committee of the whole, the House being unusually thin.

**APPROPRIATION BILL.**—The Legislative and Executive Appropriation bill reported to the House, reduces the salary of the President during the remainder of his term to \$33,000 per annum, and after March, 1877, the salary is further reduced to \$25,000. The salaries of nearly all the employees at the Capitol are reduced from 10 to 20 per cent., and a large number of offices altogether abolished. The carrying of the Senate and House mails is to be put out by contract after the 30th of June.

**WITNESS SUMMONED.**—Mr. George B. Cochran, formerly of Texas, and a post trader, but now of Warrenton, Va., has been summoned before the investigating committee of the War Department, in relation to the purchase of trader's positions, and will appear on Tuesday next to testify.

**Foreign News.**—LONDON, March 10.—Mr. Wickham Hoffman, the Secretary to the American Legation, writes a communication to the Times to-day, in which he says: "Please have the kindness to state that there is not one word of truth in the rumor that General Schenck was recalled at the request of the British Government."

PARIS, March 10.—The Journal Officiel this morning formally announces the Cabinet as telegraphed last night.

The Republique Francaise, Gambetta's organ, strongly attacks the Constitution of the Cabinet.

**Railroad Accident.**—HARRISBURG, March 10.—The Erie mail north, this morning, ran into a land slide 12 feet high, near Georgetown, on the line of the Northern Central Railway. The engine, express, mail and baggage cars were badly damaged. Engineer Frank, fireman Keiser and express messenger Kuriz were injured. It is reported that one passenger was slightly hurt.

**Commencement.**—PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—The annual commencement of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, was held to-day at the Academy of Music in this city. The total number of degrees conferred was 124.

**Fire.**—DOVER, Del., March 10.—The Wilmington Conference Academy here was destroyed by fire, this morning. Loss \$50,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

**Suicide.**—BALTIMORE, March 10.—R. Winterfelt, aged 50, cabinet-maker, residing on Hamburg street, committed suicide this morning by hanging. Cause unknown.

**COPARTNERSHIPS.**—DISSOLUTION.—The firm of KNOX & ERVIN was by mutual consent dissolved March 1, 1876.

R. F. KNOX, C. T. ERVIN.

**HAVING PURCHASED THE INTEREST** OF MR. R. F. KNOX in the above firm, I shall continue the FRED BUSINESS at the old stand, 52 King street, Alexandria.

mar 9-3t C. T. ERVIN.

**MEETINGS.**—PIEDMONT AND POTOMAC R. R. CO. MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Piedmont and Potomac Railroad Company will be held at Rosslyn, Alexandria county, Virginia, on SATURDAY, the twenty-fifth day of March, 1876. By order of

CHARLES H. SHERILL, President P. & P. R. R. Co.

**PROPOSALS.**—OFFICE ALEXANDRIA GAS WORKS, Alexandria, Va., March 7, 1876.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Alexandria Gas Works until the 24th day of March for furnishing THIRTEEN HUNDRED (1300) TONS OF GAS COAL, 240 lbs. to the ton, said coal to be standard in yield, coke and illuminating power. To be delivered at such time and in such quantity as may be required by the Gas Light Committee.

Terms, &c., to be arranged with the contracting parties by the Committee on Light. By order of the Gas Light Committee: J. ROXBURY, Sup't.

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**ALPACA UMBRELLAS** just opened; assorted sizes and quantities; some especially for ladies' use.

feb 16 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**SACHET POWDERS.**—Rose, Violet, Geranium, Jockey Club, Heliotrope, and Frangipani. Just received a fresh supply at

WATFIELD & HALLS, cor. Prince and Fairfax sts.

dec 17

**2 BHDS PORTO RICO MOLASSES,** suitable for baking, just received; also prime New Orleans and Porto Rico Molasses, Syrup and Strained Honey, for sale by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

**VITALLIZED PHOSPHATES.**—Just received a fresh supply at

WATFIELD & HALLS, Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

feb 28

**FRENCH DRESSING AND SATIN POLISH,** for ladies' and children's shoes; a full supply just received by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

**SHAWLS AND CLOAKS.**—Now is the time to buy a cheap wrapping at our reduced prices.

jan 12 H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**OLD PORT, SHERRY AND MADEIRA** Wines, Scotch Whiskey and Holland Gin, in store and for sale by

R. B. LAWSON & CO.

nov 28

**ONE CASE OF THOSE** CHEAP CALICOES

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H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

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**BROOMS** of medium and best qualities, made of new broom Corn, for sale at reduced prices by

jan 6 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

**GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP.**—A new remedy for all skin diseases, also Carbolic Soap of various kinds just received by

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**HEADQUARTERS FOR CLOAKS.**—Constantly receiving the latest styles. Also BRAVES for cloaks—very cheap.

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The steamers Keyport and J. W. Thompson left here together this morning, and the opportunity was taken to test their relative speed. So long as they were in sight, there was no change in the distance between them.

Some strange dogs got into the yard of Mr. I. C. O'Neal's residence, adjoining the Catholic Church, last night, and killed three beautiful English rabbits which were pets of Mr. O'Neal's children.

The annual report of the Board of Fire Wardens will be presented to the City Council at its next meeting. It will include an inventory of all the articles on hand for the use of the Fire Department.

Maj. H. C. Williams, of Fairfax county, has of late received and filed several orders from china manufacturers in the north for Kadoine, large beds of which have been found upon his farm.

The child of a colored man named Fulton, who lives on Alfred street, near Duke, was struck on the head and badly hurt by a rock, thrown by a companion, to-day.

And now, in this Centennial year, they are selling the Star Spangled Banner by the yard, and four flags to the yard at that, as we saw in front of a dry goods store to-day.

Mr. C. Fox, who formerly sold sewing machines in this city and vicinity, has, it is reported, made about \$30,000 by a lucky street contract in St. Louis.

A new bridge is being built at the W. & O. depot to replace the one now in use over Broad Run, near Leesburg. Nearly all of the bridges on this road are new, and in excellent condition.

Major Duffy, the Commissioner of the Revenue, is now engaged in making the State assessment for this year.

R. L. Carne, esq., Superintendent of Public Schools, was examining the schools in the county to-day.

Among the graduates of the medical department of Columbian University yesterday was Charles H. J. Linsey, of Virginia.

The March term of the County Court of Loudoun, Judge C. B. Ball to preside, will commence on Monday next.

**STOP!**—We want to say that all fond of GOOD EATING should know that

"AVENA," OR OATEN GRITS,

IS SUPERIOR TO ANY OAT MEAL, either foreign or domestic. Sold by all first class grocers. ASK FOR FREE SAMPLE PACKAGE.

PERFUMERIES.—Lubin's and Piver's Extracts, Jany's Orange Blossom Cologne, Genuine Imported F. Marie Farina Cologne, Drexler's Vienna Bell Cologne, Head's Grand Duquesne Cologne, N. Hyson's Double Blue de Cologne, Hoy's German Cologne and Eau de Cologne, and many others. Also Country's Genuine French Extra in bulk, of all the popular odors, and for sale by the ounce or pound.

JANNEY & CO.

**JUST RECEIVED THIS DAY,**

C. C. BERRY'S, 72 King st.

**1876 SPRING. 1876**

We have just received our first supply of LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEEDS for the Spring sales of this year. We are prepared to furnish LANDRETH'S ALMANAC AND CATALOGUE OF SEEDS to all of our customers.

PROTECT YOURSELVES AGAINST TRAMPS.

Just received at 88 King, on the corner of Royal street, a supply of BRONZED CHAINS, DUKE EASTERN ERS, a pretty and a cheap article, and a certain security against tramps. Call and see.

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

**CHEAP PLAIDS AND OTHER DRESS GOODS.**—We have marked these goods down, some far below cost, thinking it better to sell a loss now than to carry them over to another season. A great chance for bargains. Come and see them before they are all picked over.

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**CHANCE FOR A CHEAP OVERCOAT.**—Not wishing to carry over any of our Overcoats, we propose closing them out at cost. Suits, Trowers, &c., at greatly reduced prices. Several suits made to order but not called for will be sold very cheap.

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

**BAVOIS SKINS.**—Upman's Meat Cure, Bull's Cough Syrup, Foxes Plasters, McAllister's All Healing Ointment, Lubin's 471, Arlington Co put a Cora's Gelatine, English Mustard, Canary seed, Pure Ginger, Pure Cream Tartar, Husband's Magnesia, Refined Gum Camphor, etc., just received by

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**SCISSORS!**—Having taken the agency for ROBERTS' CELEBRATED RAZOR STEEL SCISSORS, we are prepared to sell a first class article at a very reasonable price. Every pair warranted.

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**HAMBURG EDGINGS.**—We have a large complete assortment of Hamburg Edgings and Insertings, to which we are constantly adding and offering at very low prices.

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**SLEIGH RUNNERS AND BASKETS.**—Meat Cutters, Oyster Broilers, Tool Chests, Skates, Pocket Knives, Carvers and Forks and other goods suited to the season, just received at 88 King street, corner of Royal, call and see.

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

**COMBINGS.**—Save your combings and